



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN SOLANA BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 7 - October 6, 2010

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the Draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Pardee Homes and the Solana Beach School District's proposed Elementary School site located at Pacific Highlands Ranch Parkway and Blazing Star Lane in the Pacific Highlands Ranch community of San Diego. Investigations at this site identified elevated levels of methane gas. It is believed that the methane is the result of decomposing organic matter (plant material) in fill soil at the site. The Draft RAW describes the removal and off-site lawful disposal of approximately 72,000 cubic yards (95,800 tons) of soil from the site. The proposed 11.7 acre site is located in a developing residential area being constructed by Pardee Homes. Tests along the south, west and southeast edges of the school site did not indicate elevated levels of methane gas. The proposed remedial activities involve excavation and removal of the soil affected with methane from the north-central and north-eastern portions of the site and disposal of the material to an off-site location approximately 1/4 to 1-mile north-northwest of the site. The site will then be backfilled with soils which will be pre-screened for methane and other compounds and approved for use under DTSC oversight.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

The interested community is provided an opportunity to learn more about the project and submit comments to DTSC regarding the proposed cleanup during a 30-day public comment period that starts on September 7 and ends on October 6. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW must be submitted in writing by October 6 to Cynthia Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 9211 Oakdale Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the Draft RAW and other project documents are available at:

Carmel Valley Public Library
3919 Townsgate Drive
San Diego, CA 92130-2584
(858) 552-1668

Full Administrative Record:
DTSC Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
Call for app't.: (714) 484-5337

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Cynthia Miller, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 717-6568 or e-mail: cmiller@dtsc.ca.gov; or Aslam Shareef, DTSC Project Manager, at (714) 484-5308 or email: ashareef@dtsc.ca.gov. For media inquiries, please contact Jeanne Garcia, DTSC Public Information Officer at (818) 717-6573.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con: Jeanne Garcia, al (818) 717-6573.